

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A film-forming starchy composition for the film-coating of solid forms or for the preparation of films,
5 characterized in that it exhibits an amylose content of between 25 and 45%, preferably of between 30 and 44%, and more preferably still of between 35 and 40%, these percentages being expressed by dry weight with respect to the dry weight of starch present in said
10 composition, and in that it comprises at least one stabilized starch.
2. The composition as claimed in claim 1,
15 characterized in that it comprises at least one legume starch exhibiting an amylose content of less than 45%.
3. The composition as claimed in either of claims 1 and 2, characterized in that said legume starch is
20 stabilized.
4. The composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that said legume starch is hydroxypropylated and optionally fluidification-treated.
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5. The composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that it additionally comprises a plasticizer.
- 30 6. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that said plasticizer is selected from the group consisting of sorbitol, glycerol, polyethylene glycol, triethyl citrate, polysorbate, carnauba wax and hydrogenated castor oil, alone or as a
35 mixture with one another.
7. The composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that it additionally comprises a

secondary film-forming agent selected from the group consisting of cellulose derivatives, alginates, carrageenates, polyvinylpyrrolidone, poly(vinyl phthalate), dextrose, zein, pullulan, acrylic polymers, 5 polyvinyl alcohol, gelatin, dextrans and mixtures thereof.

8. The composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that it comprises 10 to 15% by 10 weight of stabilized pea starch and 1 to 2% by weight of plasticizer.

9. The composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that it is pulverulent and in 15 that it comprises:

- from 15 to 75% by weight of stabilized pea starch, preferably hydroxypropylated pea starch, and more preferably still hydroxypropylated and fluidification-treated 20 pea starch,
- from 1 to 20% by weight of a secondary film-forming agent.

10. The composition as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that it additionally comprises from 1 to 20% 25 of microcrystalline cellulose.

11. The composition as claimed in either of claims 9 and 10, characterized in that it additionally comprises 30 from 5 to 15% of plasticizer, by dry weight with respect to said composition.

12. The composition as claimed in any one of claims 9 to 11, characterized in that the secondary film-forming 35 agent is a cellulose derivative.

13. The composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 12, characterized in that it exhibits a viscosity of less than 500 mPa·s at 25°C and a solids content of

10%.

14. The composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 13, characterized in that it comprises at least one pharmaceutical active substance.

15. A process for the film-coating of solid forms, characterized in that it comprises the spraying of a film-forming composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 14 over a bed of moving cores.

16. A process for coating solid forms, characterized in that it comprises the immersion of the solid forms in a film-forming composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 14.

17. A process for the preparation of films, characterized in that it consists in spreading a film-forming composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 14 over a flat or cylindrical surface, followed by drying at ambient temperature or under hot conditions.

18. The use of a film-forming composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 14 in the manufacture of films or capsules, including hard gelatin capsules.